

House Resolution 197

By: Representative Barnard of the 166th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Officer Matthew Buehler, 2006 Officer of the Year, and commending him for
2 his heroic service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Officer Matthew Buehler of the Marietta Police Department was selected by
4 the Peace Officers Association of Georgia to receive the 2006 Officer of the Year Award for
5 Valor; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Buehler honorably serves the community as a skilled leader and officer
7 with the Marietta Police Department, where he is assigned as a Crime Scene Technician and
8 Field Training Officer and member of the Special Response and Zone Management teams;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, Officer Buehler displayed selfless courage and heroism
11 in responding to a deadly motor vehicle accident and, at great risk to his own life, saved the
12 lives of others; and

13 WHEREAS, at approximately 4:40 A.M., officers were dispatched to a horrific scene – two
14 victims were trapped inside of an overturned, flame-wreathed vehicle on Interstate 75 South
15 near Allgood Road Bridge; and

16 WHEREAS, officers armed with a total of 11 fire extinguishers aided Officer Buehler as he
17 crawled into the capsized vehicle, cut the occupants' seat belts, and extricated them to safety
18 as the vehicle literally exploded into flames; and

19 WHEREAS, he unselfishly put his life on the line to save others and his unflinching resolve
20 and dedicated service exemplify the highest ideals of public service, bringing honor to all
21 who valiantly serve in law enforcement.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body hereby recognizes and commends Officer Matthew Buehler for his outstanding
3 bravery and service to the State of Georgia and its citizens and expresses its sincere
4 appreciation for his heroic efforts.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
6 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Officer Matthew Buehler.